



**Jefferson County (Colorado). Board of County
Commissioners
Sister County Artifacts, 1989-1997**

Series #159

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Overview of Records

Creator:	Board of County Commissioners
Title:	Sister County Artifacts
Dates:	1989-1997 (Dates of Visits)
Series Number:	159
Quantity:	1 boxes and one envelope (1 F15), .4 cubic ft.
Arrangement:	Grouped by Sister County
Abstract:	Collection of gifts and other materials received from or created for Sister County delegations during their visits to Jefferson County.

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions:	None
Use Restrictions:	None
Preferred Citation:	Item Description; Box number, Folder number; Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners, Sister County Artifacts, 1989-1997; Series #159; Jefferson County Records Management & Archives, Golden, Colorado.
Provenance:	Tver, Russia gifts received from Mr. Gary S. Gorevoy, Head Archives Specialist of the Tver Region Archives and member of the Sister County delegation during their visit to Jefferson County in 1997. Provenance of items regarding Ping Tung unknown.
Related Records:	

History Note

The Sister County relationship with Tver was established through the Evergreen Chamber of Commerce. Tver Oblast is the region surrounding the ancient city of Tver, which is geographically situated between Russia's two main cities, Moscow and St. Petersburg. It is the largest region in Central Russia. Jefferson County Commissioner John P. Stone led a 21-member delegation of business people and Commissioners Michelle Lawrence and Patricia B. Holloway to Tver in 1996. The members took urgently needed medical equipment and supplies donated by local hospitals,

doctors, pharmacies, and grocery stores as part of the Tver-Evergreen Peace Mission. The regional government officials there were interested in learning more about Jefferson County businesses and held discussions on such things as administrative and social activity management, charitable funds, veterans' insurance and services, and also on the leather, wood-processing, ceramic, mineral, agricultural and baking industries.

In September 1997, Jefferson County hosted a group of 18 Russian business executives, doctors, medical personnel, former military personnel, the vice governor for economic development, and the mayor of the City of Torschak. The official visit focused on business and the American experience. The prime goal of the visit was to help establish business networks between the two counties. The delegation attended meetings at local Rotary clubs, U.S. veterans groups, hospitals, manufacturing plants, and agricultural industries. Two representatives from the Tver Regional Archives also went on a tour of the Colorado State Archives.

The Board of County Commissioners was contacted in December, 1988 concerning the possibility of Jefferson County becoming a sister county to Pingtung County, a county in Southern Taiwan, Republic of China. A resolution of interest (CC89-23) in the Sister County relationship with Pingtung was adopted in January, 1989. Resolution CC89-552 declared the week of July 30 through August 5, 1989 as Taiwan Week in Jefferson County.

The purpose of the Sister County program was for friendship, an increase in understanding, cultural exchange and the establishment of economic development potential.

Scope and Content Note

Collection of items from Tver, Russia contains a reference book, two souvenir booklets, a calendar featuring ancient Tver, picture postcards from the Nilov Monastery, a t-shirt, and a wall hanging of Tver's coat of arms. Titles or descriptions of items written solely in Russian were translated using an online translator at translation2.paralink.com and Google Translate. Dates of publications range from 1940-1997.

The items created for Pingtung County, Taiwan consist of two small metal trays. In the middle of the tray there are two clasped hands with the words "A World of Friends, A World of Peace." Symbols representing the Rocky Mountain region are also engraved on the edges of the trays, including an evergreen tree, skier, aspen leaves, trout, and columbine, as well as the words "Ping Tung - Jefferson County, Sister Counties - October 31st, 1989."

Container List	Box/Item	Folder
Tver Oblast, Russia:		
Book: ТВЕРСКАЯ ОБЛАСТЬ (<i>The Tver Area: The Encyclopedic Handbook</i>), 1994	1	1
Booklet: ПАМЯТНЫЕ МЕСТА: ВЕРХНЕВОЛЬЯ (<i>Memorable Sights Verhnevolya</i>), 1989		2
Booklet: The Shirkov Parish (300 th Anniversary), 1992		3
Calendar: The Ancient Tver, 1994		4
Correspondence and Business Cards		5
Newspaper: ВЕЧЕ ТВЕРИ (<i>Obshestvenno: The Political and Business Newspaper</i>), April 22, 1997 (partial)		6
Postcard Set: МОНАСТЫРЬ НИЛО-СТОЛОБЕНСКАЯ ПУСТЫНЬ (<i>Nilov Monastery, Stolobny Island, Lake Seliger</i>), 1940		7
T-Shirt: ЕЛЬЦИН НАШ ПРЕЗИДЕНТ (<i>Yeltsin, Our President</i>), undated		8
Wall Hanging: Tver Coat of Arms (Adopted 1775, Crown of first Russian Czar), undated		9
Pingtung County, Taiwan:		
Two metal trays “A World of Friends, A World of Peace,” 1989	2	